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*You're invited by the
 Incline Village-Crystal Bay
 Republican Women to a luncheon*

Tuesday, November 12th, 2019

at The Chateau, 955 Fairway Boulevard,
 Incline Village | 11:30 am – 2:00 pm



Come and hear **CHRIS STADTER**, Supervisor of the VA Medical Center's Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Program, tell us about "Services for Veterans who are Homeless through the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System."

Tickets are \$25 per person and include lunch. A no-host bar is available. Advanced reservations are REQUIRED. Attendees without advance reservations will not be able to have lunch. No-shows will be billed. Walk-ins will be seated after all on-time RSVPs have been seated.

Please RSVP to Shirley Appel at mrsradar@aol.com
 or call 818-266-4402 **no later than**
Friday, November 8th, 2019



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We Celebrate Veterans!

Thanks to our treasurer Kathi Congistre (whose idea it was), we will "Celebrate Veterans!" on November 12th. Not only will we have Christopher M.

Stadter, Supervisor of the VA Medical Center's Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Program, telling us about the homeless veterans problem in our area, his programs to address it, and what we can do to help, we will also have the Incline High School Junior ROTC Color Guard, a collection of gift cards for the Veterans Guest House, and information about "Wreaths Across America."

Gift Cards for the Veterans Guest House

We know the Veterans Guest House as a warm and welcoming place for veterans who need medical care in our area and their families. They can stay there for free and enjoy a continental breakfast, also for free. Founded by veterans who noticed that their fellow veterans being treated at the VA Medical Center and their families were sleeping in their cars because they couldn't afford a hotel, the Veterans Guest House receives no government funding. It is entirely funded by private, voluntary contributions. Please come on November 12th with gift cards to donate from Smart & Final, Costco, Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Lowe's, Smith's and other local grocery outlets!

Wreaths Across America

This year on December 14th, the national non-profit organization "Wreaths Across America" will carry out its mission to "Remember, Honor and Teach" by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery as well as at more than 1,600 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad – among them, the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley.

Come to our luncheon meeting on November 12th to learn how you can participate by sponsoring a veterans' wreath, volunteering to lay wreaths at the Veterans

Memorial Cemetery in Fernley, and/or donating to "Wreaths Across America."

This 'n' That

Did you hear that the Reno airport authority apologized to Elizabeth Warren for the pro-Trump demonstration that greeted her on her arrival there recently? How odd that there was no such apology to then-Senator Heller several years ago when he was greeted on arrival by a hostile Democratic demonstration! Honestly, "If leftists didn't have double standards, they wouldn't have standards at all" – a new proverb, sadly all-too-suited to these days and times.

Don't Miss Your Opportunity to Vote for Our 2020 Club Officers!

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will see the report of our Nominating Committee on their proposed slate of 2020 officers. Nominations from the floor will also be requested. Please come on November 12th and vote!

Patricia Moser Morris,
President



FALL-WINTER GUIDELINES FOR OUR LUNCHEONS AT THE CHATEAU

It's that time of year again! During the off-season our meetings at the Chateau are on a stricter RSVP policy. All RSVP's MUST be in by the Friday before the meeting if you want to be able to eat. The Chateau kitchen is closed until the golf courses reopen sometime in May 2020, and in order to feed us they need to have the food brought in specially. This means that you can still come and join us for the meeting without a reservation, but you will not be able to eat lunch. This also means that any cancellations must also be by the Friday before the luncheon or we must ask you to pay for the lunch. Walk-ins will be seated after all on-time RSVPs have been seated.



You're Invited November 12th, 2019 to a Luncheon

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER,
Christopher M. Stadter,
Supervisor of the VA Medical Center's Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program



Christopher M. Stadter, LCSW-C has worked as a social worker in the Veterans Administration's Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) Program since 2009.

During this time, he has served veterans in a variety of capacities. He has helped veterans who are living in shelters and on the streets engage in services through the VA, to include housing services, mental health services, substance abuse treatment services, healthcare services and more. He has also worked with veterans who were recently homeless and now living in their own homes to stably maintain their own housing and connect with needed services.

Additionally, he provided oversight for a temporary housing program whose goal was to assist veterans who are homeless with obtaining permanent housing.

About five months ago he moved to Reno, NV to serve as the Supervisor for the HCHV program.



REPORT OF THE 2019 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

By Linda Lorraine Smith, Chair and Immediate Past President

I am pleased to present the report of your Nominating Committee for the 2020 officers of IVCBRW.

The members of the Nominating Committee are Linda Smith who serves as Chair, Shirley Appel, Ellie Dobler, Kay Lehr, and Joannellen Slocumb.

We are pleased to present the following list of candidates to serve for the 2020 calendar year:

- President – Linda Smith
- 1st Vice President – Shirley Appel
- 2nd Vice President – Kathi Congistre
- Recording Secretary – Kay Lehr, who has agreed to serve a 2nd term
- Treasurer – Peggy Poindexter

You will be asked to vote on this slate at the November membership meeting. The Committee will also accept nominations from the floor at that time. If there is more than one candidate running for an office, we will hold the election by ballot. Otherwise it will be conducted by voice vote.

After the officers are elected, they will be installed at our December membership meeting, which also is our Christmas/Holiday meeting.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this slate of outstanding candidates.



This *American Thinker* article by Herbert E. Meyer was written May 20, 2009 when it became obvious that America's first Marxist President, Barack Hussein Obama, was rapidly making good on his vow to fundamentally transform the United States of America. It has been condensed for inclusion in "The Elephant's Tale." Compare this article's descriptions of what was happening then to our "now" circumstances and I think you will see that our great country is under threat of being subverted from within by Socialist and Marxist ideologies. **Our constitutional Republic is at risk and our votes in 2020 are mightily important!**

~ Susan Schnetz, Editor

IS IT A REVOLUTION?

by Herbert E. Meyer

During the last 30 years we Americans have been so politically divided that some of us have called this left-right, liberal-conservative split a "culture war" or even a "second Civil War." These descriptions are no longer accurate. The precise, technical word for what is happening in the United States today is revolution.

Because of our country's history, we tend to think of revolutions as military conflicts, and of the revolutionaries as the good guys; the image of Minutemen fighting valiantly against the British forces at Lexington and Concord. . . . But sometimes – quite often, actually – revolutions aren't military conflicts, and the good guys are the ones trying to keep the revolution from happening. In January 1933, Adolf Hitler was appointed chancellor of Germany by its elected president; he would spend the next two years consolidating his power with the legislative connivance of his political allies in the Reichstag. In October 1917, Lenin and his Bolsheviks took control of Russia from Kerensky and his Social Democrats – who had overthrown the Czar earlier that year – entirely through parliamentary maneuvering in Russia's fledgling Duma. What defines a revolution is that when it's over, a country has changed, not merely its leaders and its laws, but its operating system!

Since most of us think of computers when we hear the phrase "operating system," let me use this analogy to illuminate my point: Every computer has an operating system and most of us are using either the Microsoft or



the Apple operating system. If you want to do something with your computer -- send an email, watch a DVD, read an online essay -- you must do it the way your computer's operating system is designed to work.

Democracies and Dictatorships

Now, just as computers have operating systems, so too do countries. In fact, countries have dual operating systems - one political and the other economic. Broadly speaking, there are two kinds of each: Politically you can be a democracy or a dictatorship, and economically you can have either a free market or a command economy. Because countries don't buy their operating systems off the shelf, the way we buy our computer operating systems, each country develops its own versions. This is why our country's democracy is somewhat different from Canada's, which in turn is slightly different from Australia's, and so forth. These countries all have free-market economies and the similarities among democracies and free-market economies are more striking than the differences. Likewise, while no two dictatorships are the same, and no two command economies work in exactly the same way, the differences among them are comparatively trivial.

Since no country's operating systems are perfect, can they be improved? Of course they can. Every time our Congress passes a new law, or enacts a new regulation – or whenever the Supreme Court issues an opinion – that's the equivalent of an update to our political or economic operating system. Can you change a country's operating system? Yes, you can. **And the**

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precise, technical word for replacing one political or economic operating system with another is -- revolution.

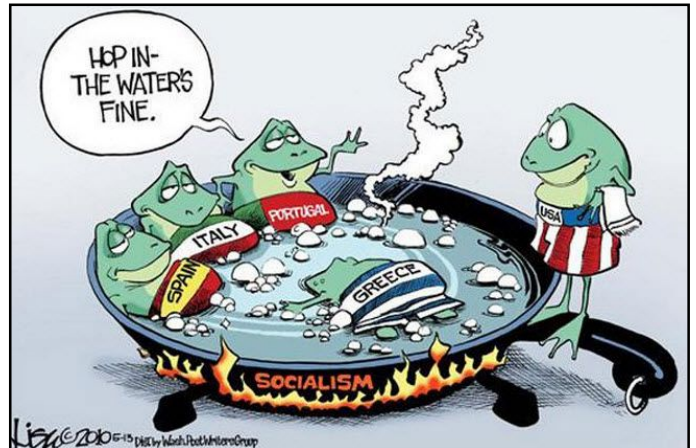
When politics in a democracy is normal, the political parties all agree to preserve the operating system while they compete to improve it. This is what is actually happening when one party in Congress introduces a new piece of healthcare or education legislation and the other party opposes it or introduces its own healthcare or education bill, or when two candidates for the Senate argue over whether or not to change our immigration laws. Honorable people often will disagree about what to do sometimes. But in normal politics the outer limits of all these disagreements are marked by a shared commitment to preserving and improving the operating system. **In abnormal politics, the objective of one party isn't to improve the operating system, but to overthrow it!**

With this analogy in mind, now we can see clearly what's been happening in the United States during the last three decades. While conservatives have been working to improve our democracy and our free-market economy, liberals have been working to replace our democracy with a dictatorship, and our free-market economy with a command economy, controlled by the government. The liberals couldn't say this aloud, because if they did the American people would have tossed them out of office; so the liberals worked covertly, feigning support for democracy and for the free market while working diligently to undermine both.

This is why our politics has been so partisan, so vicious, and so deadlocked. This is why words have lost their meaning in Washington D.C., why we can never get to the bottom of anything, why we lurch from one manufactured scandal to another. It's all been part of a decades-long effort by the liberals to throw sand in our eyes -- to keep us from seeing clearly where they really want to take us. (And this explains why, when we question their judgment on some issue, they go berserk and accuse us of questioning their patriotism. They're afraid we're on the verge of catching on.)

Obama's Two-Front Offensive

With the election of Barack Obama as president, the liberals launched a massive, two-front offensive they believe will end in victory. They have judged that our



public education system is so degraded that only a few Americans are left who even understand what a democracy is, and how the free market actually works. The speed of their offensive is breathtaking.

At the core of democracy is the rule of law. You cannot claim to have the rule of law if the government can set aside the rule of law when it decides that "special circumstances" have arisen that warrant illegality. For example, when the President and his aides handed ownership of Chrysler Corp. to the United Auto Workers Union, they tried to avoid sending that beleaguered company into bankruptcy by muscling its bondholders into accepting less money for their assets than the law entitled them to collect. These contracts, and the law under which they were signed, were mere obstacles to a thuggish President bent on paying off his political supporters.

It's going to get much worse, fast. President Obama has told us time and again that among his criteria for choosing Federal judges will be "empathy." Once our courts are presided over by judges who will reach verdicts based on how *they feel about an issue* -- such as abortion or the right of citizens to bear arms -- the law will be whatever the judges wish it to be; the rule of law will become an empty phrase rather than the architecture of our civilization.

The government now owns General Motors Corp., is reaching for control of insurance companies, and has launched plans to take over our country's healthcare industry. It even wants authority to set the salaries of executives in industries that, at least for now, aren't being subsidized or underwritten by the government. -- When you put all this together what we have in our

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country today is a revolution that has been going on for some time!

The Future's in Our Hands

Our country's future now lies within our own hands -- yours, mine, all of us who comprise what the Washington insiders sneeringly call the grass roots. Good, because unless I'm very much mistaken the liberals have over-estimated their strength. There still are more of us than there are of them! I mean ordinary, decent Americans from across the political spectrum who may disagree about specific issues, but who understand who we are and how we became who we are; who love our country, have a genius for self-organizing, and won't let the United States go down without a fight.

We need to launch a counter-offensive, so to speak, and the place to start is at the local level. Working with our county and state political parties when we can -- or working around them when we must -- our objective will be to elect as many people as we can to public office who understand what a democracy is and how the free market works. This will include city council members, county commissioners, school board members, judges, sheriffs and even members of the local parks commission. With the strength and political momentum their elections will provide, we can surge to the state level and then -- before it's too late -- take back the power in Washington D.C.

I know this isn't the kind of battle most of us want to fight; we would rather watch the talking heads slug it out on Fox News than stand on a street corner handing out campaign flyers. And given our country's history, for a while it will be uncomfortable to find ourselves fighting against the revolution and for the status quo. But we'll get used to this as we make our case over and over again -- to our friends, our neighbors, at barbeques and PTA meetings and at public rallies like those marvelous April tea parties that drove the liberals insane. And we'll draw strength as our ranks swell with new recruits.

The alternative to launching this kind of peaceful and political counter-attack is horrific. Right now sales of guns and ammunition are rising sharply. This reflects an intuitive grasp by grass-roots Americans of what history teaches may lie ahead. It was only after the Nazis had secured their grip on power in Germany, and only after the Bolsheviks had seized control of Russia, that they set out to

disarm and destroy the vast numbers of ordinary citizens, who to the astonishment and fury of the revolutionaries, just wouldn't go along. That's when the real shooting started, and when blood began flowing in the streets.



Herbert E.

Meyer served during the Reagan Administration as Special Assistant to the Director of Central Intelligence and Vice Chairman of the CIA's National Intelligence Council. He holds the U.S. National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal, which is the Intelligence Community's highest honor. Herbert Meyer leaves a legacy for all with his articles published by the American Thinker. He passed away June 24, 2019. What a great patriot!

Source: <https://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2009/05/revolution.html>.

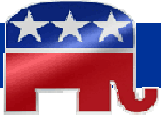
SIDE NOTE - It's a good start folks! As of September 30, 2019, the United States Senate has confirmed 152 Article III judges nominated by President Trump, including 2



Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, 43 judges for

the United States Courts of Appeals, 105 judges for the United States District Courts, and 2 judges for the United States Court of International Trade.

[https:// en.wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org)



AMERICANISM AT ITS FINEST – The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

appropriately advancing the interests of Veterans and other beneficiaries.

Respect: Treat all those I serve and with whom I work with dignity and respect. Show respect to earn it.

Excellence: Strive for the highest quality and continuous improvement. Be thoughtful and decisive in leadership, accountable for my actions, willing to admit mistakes, and rigorous in correcting them.

History

The United States has the most comprehensive system of assistance for Veterans of any nation in the world, with roots that can be traced back to 1636, when the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony were at war with the Pequot Indians. The Pilgrims passed a law that stated that disabled soldiers would be supported by the colony.

Later, the Continental Congress of 1776 encouraged enlistments during the Revolutionary War, providing pensions to disabled soldiers. In the early days of the Republic, individual states and communities provided direct medical and hospital care to Veterans.

In 1811, the federal government authorized the first domiciliary and medical facility for Veterans. Also in the 19th century, the nation's Veterans assistance program was expanded to include benefits and pensions not only for Veterans, but for their widows and dependents.

Following the Civil War, many state Veterans homes were established. Since domiciliary care was available at all state Veterans homes, incidental medical and hospital treatment was provided for all injuries and diseases, whether or not of service origin. Indigent and disabled Veterans of the Civil War, Indian Wars, Spanish-American War, and Mexican Border period, as well as the discharged regular members of the Armed Forces, received care at these homes.

As the U.S. entered World War I in 1917, Congress established a new system of Veterans benefits, including

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Mission Statement

To fulfill President Lincoln's promise "To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan" by serving and honoring the men and women who are America's Veterans.

Vision

To provide Veterans the world-class benefits and services they have earned - and to do so by adhering to the highest standards of compassion, commitment, excellence, professionalism, integrity, accountability, and stewardship.

Core Values

Integrity: Act with high moral principle. Adhere to the highest professional standards. Maintain the trust and confidence of all with whom I engage.

Commitment: Work diligently to serve Veterans and other beneficiaries. Be driven by an earnest belief in VA's mission. Fulfill my individual responsibilities and organizational responsibilities.

Advocacy: Be truly Veteran-centric by identifying, fully considering, and

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programs for disability compensation, insurance for service personnel and Veterans, and vocational rehabilitation for the disabled. By the 1920s, three different federal agencies administered the various benefits: the Veterans Bureau, the Bureau of Pensions of the Interior Department, and the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

The first consolidation of federal Veterans programs took place August 9, 1921, when Congress combined all World War I Veterans programs to create the Veterans Bureau. Public Health Service Veterans' hospitals were transferred to the bureau, and an ambitious hospital construction program for World War I Veterans commenced.

World War I was the first fully mechanized war, and as a result, soldiers who were exposed to mustard gas, other chemicals and fumes required specialized care after the war. Tuberculosis and neuro-psychiatric hospitals opened to accommodate Veterans with respiratory or mental health problems. A majority of existing VA hospitals and medical centers began as National Home, Public Health Service, or Veterans Bureau hospitals. In 1924, Veterans benefits were liberalized to cover disabilities that were not service-related. In 1928, admission to the National Homes was extended to women, National Guard and militia Veterans.

The second consolidation of federal Veterans programs took place July 21, 1930, when President Herbert Hoover signed Executive Order 5398 and elevated the Veterans Bureau to a federal administration – creating the Veterans Administration – to “consolidate and coordinate Government activities affecting war veterans.” At that time, the National Homes and Pension Bureau also joined the VA.

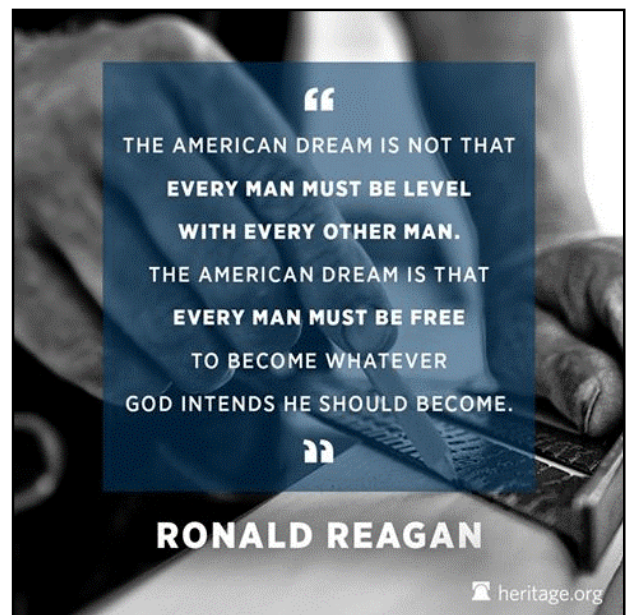
The three component agencies became bureaus within the Veterans Administration. Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, who had directed the Veterans Bureau for seven years, was named the first

Administrator of Veterans Affairs, a job he held until 1945. Dr. Charles Griffith, the VA's second Medical Director, came from the Public Health Service and Veterans Bureau. Both he and Hines were the longest serving executives in VA's history.



Following World War II, there was a vast increase in the Veteran population, and Congress enacted large numbers of new benefits for war Veterans – the most significant of which was the World War II GI Bill, signed into law June 22, 1944. It is said the GI Bill had more impact on the American way of life than any law since the Homestead Act of 1862. The GI Bill placed VA second to the War and Navy Departments in funding and personnel priorities. Modernizing the VA for a new generation of Veterans was crucial, and replacement of the “Old Guard” World War I leadership became a necessity.

Source: https://www.facebook.com/pg/VeteransAffairs/about/?ref=page_internal





Membership Application

New Member Renewing Membership

If you receive this application/renewal form via email, please print a copy and mail with your check to the address below.

NAME as it appears on VOTER REGISTRATION: _____

NAME as it appears on your NAMETAG: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

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Home Phone with Area Code: _____ Work Phone: _____

Fax Number: _____ Birthday (Month, Day) _____

Email address (for roster and newsletter):

Please print

MEMBERSHIP STATUS , PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- Active \$35, any woman registered as a Republican
- Associate \$20, any woman with a full membership in another Republican women's group,
_____ OR any man registered as a Republican
Primary Club Membership

CHECK AREAS OF INTEREST:

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Always more information for you at our website: ivcbw.org



American History in November from 1777 to 1863



November 15, 1777 - The Articles of Confederation were adopted by Continental Congress.

November 30, 1782 - A provisional peace treaty was signed between Great Britain and the United States heralding the end of America's War of Independence. The final treaty was signed in Paris on September 3, 1783.

November 26, 1789 - The first American holiday occurred, proclaimed by President George Washington to be Thanksgiving Day, a day of prayer and public thanksgiving in gratitude for the successful establishment of the new American republic.

November 17, 1800 - The U.S. Congress met for the first time in the new capital at Washington, D.C. President John Adams then became the first occupant of the Executive Mansion, later renamed the White House.

November 6, 1860 - Abraham Lincoln was elected as the 16th U.S. President and the first Republican. He received 180 of 303 possible electoral votes and 40 percent of the popular vote.

November 19, 1863 - President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address during ceremonies dedicating 17 acres of the Gettysburg Battlefield as a National Cemetery. Famed orator Edward Everett of Massachusetts preceded Lincoln and spoke for two hours. Lincoln then delivered his address in less than two minutes. Although many in attendance were at first unimpressed, Lincoln's words have come to symbolize the definition of democracy itself.

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November Member Birthdays



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